

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 15 as follows.

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According to the present invention, a luminous device has a luminous element provided at each intersection of anode lines and cathode lines arranged in a matrix. The anode lines are one of scan lines and drive lines and the cathode lines are ~~one of the~~ one of the other of scan lines and drive lines. The luminous element provided at an intersection of a desired drive line is driven to emit light in synchronism with scanning while scanning the scan lines at a specific frequency. When switching the scanning line, at least one of the scanning lines is first connected to a first voltage, and the remaining scanning lines are connected at the same time to a second voltage that is different from the first voltage.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 18 as follows.

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That is, before shifting the scan from the cathode line B2 in FIG. 3 to the cathode line B3 in FIG. 5, all of the driving switches 31 through 3256 and all of the scanning switches 21 and 23 through 264, ~~that is, excepting~~ except scanning switch 22 are switched to 0V, and scanning switch ~~21~~ 22 is switched to the source voltage as shown in FIG. 4. This results, as also shown in FIG. 4, in the luminous elements on scanning line B2 being charged by the reverse bias and the charge in the luminous elements on cathode lines B1 and B3 through B64 becoming zero.